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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA

1. FOLLOWING AN HOUR AND HALF MEETING WITH FRENCH FONMIN JOBERT. JANUARY 2, ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA TOLD THE PRESS HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF ALGERIANS IN FRANCE. WHILE MAKING NO JUDGMENT ON THE VALUE OF FRENCH SECURITY FORCES, BOUTEFLIKA SAID THAT THEY HAVE THE DUTY TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN VICIOUS AND POLITICAL CRIMES. HE CLAIMED THAT THE MEASURES TAKEN TO STOP THE IMMIGRATION OF ALGERIAN WORKERS TO FRANCE HAD NOT BEEN REVOKED AND WOULD NOT BE UNTIL THE DAY WHEN "ADEQUATE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF ALGERIAN RESIDENTS ARE GIVEN."

2. BOUTEFLIKA ALSO SAID THAT OIL HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES ON THAT SCORE. "FRANCE IS CONSIDERED AS A COUNTRY HAVING A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE CLOSE TO THE JUST ONE." CONCERNING OIL PRICES, BOUTEFLIKA SAID IT WAS A QUESTION OF REEVALUATION RELATIONS BETWEEN UNDER-DEVELOPED AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THAT WHILE ENERGY SHOULD CEASE TO BE UNDERVALED, IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH

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WILL NOT VICTIMIZE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

3. BOUTEFLIKA IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT
POMPIDOU NEXT WEEK AFTER THEIR JANUARY 2 MEETING WAS
POSTPONED BECAUSE OF POMPIDOU 'S "BUSY SCHEDULE."STONE

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